

A meeting of the Clayton Village Board was held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7pm.

Mayor, Sam Miller, called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members answering roll call were: Jamie Hicks, Denny Padgett, Larry Schafer, John Cunningham, Niccie Peuster, and Sam Miller. Also attending, employees, Bill Wilson, Aaron Brocksieck, and Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman. Gary Cantrell, Zoning Chairman, was also present.

Adams Fiber was here to present Clayton with an award presentation for being a Smart Rural Community Town. We received a plaque and a road sign. The SRC program promotes the vital role of rural broadband in driving economic development, enhancing education, improving energy distribution and usage, and providing state-of-the-art healthcare, among other significant aspects for rural America.

Public Comments: Jaben Turner was present to ask about getting gravel for his back alley to park his vehicles. He was told he has to pay for the initial gravel and then the town will provide upkeep.

Results of the 2025 Election were given, Sam Miller remaining President, Jamie Hicks, and Denny Padgett remaining Trustees, and new Trustee Jordin Zanger. Niccie swore them into office.

Sam presented a Resolution to appoint Niccie Peuster as Clerk/Treasurer for the term to coincide with the mayor. Jamie motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve. All approved.

Sam swore Niccie into office.

A Resolution was presented to approve all of the meeting dates for 2025. Jamie motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve. All approved.

Sam read off the current Committee Appointment list, it was decided to keep it the same, just replacing Tabby with Jordin. Niccie will make up a new list.

Sam mentioned that Steve VonHolt had been in contact with him because he has the cornerstone for the old Clayton school and wanted to know if we wanted it. We will take it and then decide where to display it.

Jamie motioned and Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes for April. All Approved.

Whether or not to increase the water rate was discussed. We are currently at a base rate of \$12.25 for in town and \$14.25 for out of town and \$5.13 per thousand gallons. Camp Point is currently at a base rate of \$10 and \$5 per thousand gallons. I was decided no increase at this time.

There were no updates on the water line replacement plan.

Niccie presented a quote from BS&A Software for \$48,195, for Financial Management, Personnel Management, and Utility Billing. Niccie had went to Macomb the previous Fri and saw a version of the system herself and was very impressed. Her recommendation is to go with this company. The board has a few questions they want answered and it will be discussed again at next month's meeting. Questions needing answered are: -Ask Barney if it will need to be bid out?, Is there any charge for support?, Are updates

automatic and is there any charge? And can my computer handle the software? Niccie will follow up and present at next meeting.

Gary Cantrell was present for Zoning, the yard barn at 410 N Augusta Rd was not looked at before the meeting, Sam is going to call Gerald Lierly and discuss the issue with him before the next meeting since it is his property that it overlaps.

2 permits for roof mounted solar panels were presented. William Hetrick, 112 Morgan St and Chris Davis, 112 Outerbelt Dr. Gary's recommendation was to approve. Jamie motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

2 building permits were presented, Shanholtzer at 201 S Jefferson for a chicken shed and Dormire at 401 S Elm for a garage. Gary's recommendation was to approve. Jamie motioned and Denny 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve, all approved.

A fence permit for Jaben Turner was presented, Gary had just received it, so it had not been inspected yet. John motioned and Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve pending Gary's inspection and okay. All approved.

Gary reported the Lions Club had gotten \$1500 from Adams Fiber to go towards the purchase of the new scoreboard. They are still trying to decide how to handle keeping track of the remote. He is going to look into a DOT grant for the park renovation and pickleball court and report back.

Bills employee agreement was discussed, it was decided that Niccie would take out the line that says Bill must get anything over 30 hours approved by Sam or a Trustee. And then he will sign at the next meeting.

Chief of Police, Phil Zimmerman presented his police report. Jamie motioned and John 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve report. All approved.

John motioned and Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve bills for payment. All approved.

Denny motioned and Jamie 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the treasurer's report. All approved.

A budget meeting was set for May 22 at 12:30 at the Village office to set the budget for the 25-26 fiscal year.

Clayton will provide \$50 in Community development for advertising at the 2025 Old Settlers Celebration.

It was brought to attention that the Community Hall is leaking on the south wall. They will look into it.

Sam will speak to Klingner about the demolition of the water tower and putting the project out for bids and report next meeting.

It was asked why the shop building isn't fully completed yet and the overhead doors installed to equipment can be stored inside. Aaron reported he will have metal next week and then doors can be installed.

Jamie motioned and Denny 2<sup>nd</sup> to Adjourn. All approved.

The next Village Board Meeting will be held June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Niccie Peuster, Village Clerk, 5/14/2025.